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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

RE: PCT/EP2004/002440  
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Priority Date Claimed: March 19, 2003  
Applicant: Westfechtel, et al.  
Title: ETHERCARBOXYLIC ACID ESTER OF STEROL OR STANOL

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Prior to the calculation of fees and examination of the above-identified national stage application pursuant to the accompanying submission under 35 U.S.C. §371, please amend the International Application transmitted by the International Bureau, without prejudice, as follows.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this Preliminary Amendment.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 4 of this Preliminary Amendment.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this Preliminary Amendment.

Please amend the subject PCT specification and claims as set out below.